

SLAV CAPITAL AFLAME; REDS REPORTED WINNING

LOYAL TROOPS FALLING BACK, SAYS DISPATCH

Bolsheviki Claim Reconquest of Village of Gatchina

KERENSKY HOLDS ALL OF MOSCOW

Stockholm Hears Big Fire Is Sweeping Through Petrograd

PREMIER'S ARMY IN PERIL

Flank Threatened as Radicals Attempt to Cut Off Retreat at South

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 15. Petrograd was reported to be in flames in a dispatch which reached here today.

No details of the fire were given. It was assumed here, however, that with forces of the Bolsheviki and provisional Government still reported clashing in the capital's streets, the flames had been started by intent or by accident.

The last word from Petrograd said the provisional Government was virtually in control of the city.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 15. The Bolsheviki revolutionists have reconquered Gatchina, and the Kerensky troops are retiring to the south, according to dispatches received here today from Helsinki.

The Bolsheviki forces, it was declared, are attempting to cut off the retreating provisional Government soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. Confirmation of the news that Premier Kerensky and his forces are in full control of Moscow has been established by a cablegram from the Russian Ambassador at Rome to the Russian embassy here this afternoon. No further information was contained in the dispatch.

LONDON, Nov. 15. London is still mystified over the situation in Petrograd. Despite Heligolands reports, via Copenhagen, that Kerensky's army has been forced back and the Bolsheviki again hold Gatchina, south of the capital, opinion here is still inclined to optimism.

As Russian observers here saw the situation, the nation's salvation now depends on the elements composing the Minimalist, radical bourgeois, peasant and Cossack parties and the co-operative unions. The list named include nearly a third of the total population of Russia.

It was believed here that when the provisional forces do regain complete power the Minimalists and the radical Cadet party would unite in a Cabinet which would adopt a vigorous military and foreign policy.

Whatever Government emerges the chief problem for immediate and pressing settlement will be the economic crisis. Means must be adopted to increase food production.

As Russians here saw it, the provisional Government must uproot seeds of anarchy sown by German propagandists and radicals.

ITALIANS BLOCK ENEMY ON PIAVE

Fresh Teuton Attempts to Cross River Are Frustrated

DEFENSE GROWS STIFFER

ROME, Nov. 15. Italian troops are holding fast on the Piave river line. "Fresh enemy attempts to cross the river were frustrated," today's War Office statement asserted. "Units which have already crossed are closely shut in around the Zennaro loop, which is under our artillery fire. Around Mount Tomatico our advanced posts withdrew after resistance, to points already decided upon," the War Office continued. (Mount Tomatico is about three miles nearly due south of Feltre.)

"At Quero Pass the enemy's attack was paralyzed by our resistance. (Quero Pass is on the Piave, seven miles below Feltre.) The enemy was repulsed at Meletta, Dagnan, Mount Fiume, Mount Castiglione and the Piave. The same was true between the Climon and the Piave."

(All the points mentioned are on the northern, or left, wing of the Italian line.)

FORMER PRESIDENT VISITS BRYN MAWR COLLEGE



Headed by M. Carey Thomas, president of the institution, a delegation of Bryn Mawr students, including Miss Helen Taft, greeted William H. Taft, former President of the United States, today. Mr. Taft addresses the college buildings and grounds. He is shown above, with President Thomas standing at the right and Miss Taft beside her father to the left.

MAYOR IS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Violation of Sbern Act, Misbehavior and Contempt of Court Charged

NO 'MURDER CONSPIRACY'

Mayor Smith and Mercantile Appraiser William E. Finley must face conspiracy charges out of the thugery in the "Bloody Fifth" Ward at the last primary election and the case will go before the December Grand Jury.

In a lengthy opinion given today Judge Martin who presided at the hearings of writs of habeas corpus brought by the Mayor and Finley attacking the legality of the proceedings brought before Judge Brown, pointed out that the charges against the Mayor will consist of conspiracy to violate the Sbern act, misbehavior in office, and contempt of court.

Violation of the Sbern act consisted in permitting the police to enter into politics, the opinion says. Misbehavior in office is based upon the alleged refusal of the Mayor to act when warned of danger to citizens in the Fifth Ward. The charge of contempt of court is based upon the Mayor's refusal to produce the original report made by Detective Souder on conditions in the Fifth Ward.

The charge of conspiracy to commit murder is dismissed on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence. The principal charge against Finley is conspiracy, which is due to his alleged connection in aiding the gunmen to get out of Philadelphia.

The Judge directs the Mayor to enter a \$500 bail. In the course of his opinion Judge Martin said: "The fact of conspiracy need not be proved, but may be collected from other circumstances. It may be established by proof of facts from which a jury may fairly infer the existence of the conspiracy. It is not necessary that a common design is of the essence of the charge, yet it is not necessary to prove that the defendants came together and actually agreed in terms to that design and to pursue it by common means. It is nearly all cases a conspiracy must be proved by circumstantial evidence, that is, by the proof of facts from which it may be fairly implied that the defendants had a common object, and that the acts of each, though they may be different in character, were all done in pursuance of a common end and calculated to effect the common purpose. Concurrence of action of a material point is sufficient to enable the jury to find a conspiracy."

DOCTORS IN CONFLICT OVER EUTHANASIA CASE

Chicago Health Officer Condemns Haiselden, While Many Physicians Approve "Humane Removal"

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Paul Hodzima, two years old, the latest defective to be sentenced to death by euthanasia, today was the object of a clash between the city health department and a coterie of physicians. Dr. Herman Spaulding, representing the health department, submitted a report to the effect that "the present administration of opiates to terminate life is inexcusable."

MIGHTY FLEET NEEDED TO WIN, BOWLES WARNS

Admiral Tells Commerce Chamber Victory in War Depends on It

200,000 WORKERS VITAL

The United States will lose the war, according to Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles, assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, unless an army of more than 200,000 additional workers can be raised and kept at work in the shipyards of the country.

Rear Admiral Bowles made the assertion in an address which he delivered today before several hundred members of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, at a luncheon in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford. Earnestly he pleaded for support to be extended to the Emergency Fleet Corporation by the whole nation, declaring that unless such support was forthcoming drastic measures to compel shipbuilders and labor alike to carry out the Government's ship-building program must be put into effect.

N. Sumner Myrick, chairman of the war shipping committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, accompanied Rear Admiral Bowles from Washington. Rear Admiral Bowles' address was followed by an appeal by Captain Peter Latham, of the Canadian Bankers, to support the Young Men's Christian Association work at the front and in cantonments.

Among those at the speaker's table were Alva B. Johnson, chairman of the executive committee of the Chamber, who presided in the absence of President Ernest T. Trigg; Howard B. French, chairman of the Chamber's war shipping committee; William B. Ferguson, chairman for the Philadelphia district of the Emergency Fleet Corporation; Naval Constructor A. B. Court, U. S. N., Philadelphia Navy Yard; Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries Webster, Major J. Warner Hutchins, Quartermaster.

GERMANTOWN SCORES ON SOUTH PHILA. HIGH

Burnett Tallies Touchdown in Second Period and Champions Trail by 6 to 0

NORTHEAST FIELD, Nov. 15.—Germantown High scored on South Philadelphia High in the first period of their Gimbel Cup League game here this afternoon. After a series of punts, during which the Cliveden had the advantage, McCool, of Germantown, on a tackle around play went to South Philadelphia's 5-yard line. Burnett then went over for the touchdown. McCool, however, failed to kick the goal.

The score at the end of the second period was 6 to 0 in favor of Germantown. Although South Philadelphia outweighed their rivals, they were unable to make any headway through the forwards.

FIRST PERIOD South Philadelphia won the toss and Leopold, of South Philadelphia, kicked off to McCool on his 40-yard line, where he was downed. McCool kicked to Bunnin, who ran back to his 40-yard mark. Unable to gain, Leopold made a poor punt to Germantown's 40-yard line. On an end-run play Henkle made 15 yards. South Philadelphia led 6 to 0.

U. S. SOLDIERS FALL AS LINE IS SHELLED

More of Pershing's Men Killed and Wounded in Trenches

ONE VICTIM OF SNIPER

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 15. More Americans have been killed and wounded in brisk fighting which has broken out along the sector they are holding against the Germans.

A few more men, in addition to those who fell in the recent German raid, have been victims of heavy shelling of their trenches by Boche artillery. It was learned today.

The American artillery is responding to the German fire and the exchanges of the guns are increasing constantly.

Battle activity is increasing in all branches of trench activity along the sector achieved by the American marksmen. With the cessation of heavy rains the Germans began hurrying up their heretofore desultory gunfire. The Americans took up the challenge in kind. The exchange waxed to a point of high intensity on several days. It was literally a baptism of fire for the Sammees.

With the increase in artillery came a corresponding acceleration in rifle fire from the front trenches and of snipers on both sides. There is no way of telling the score achieved by the American marksmen. The Germans caught one Sammee, a sniper's bullet striking him dead.

The exact extent of the latest American casualties has not been announced from headquarters. It is known, however, that one German shell hitting squarely in the American trenches wounded several. The Germans are known to have lost one dead and two wounded during the recent activity.

A small number of French and American soldiers patrolling No Man's Land ambushed a German patrol of far superior strength and shooting from shell holes put the Boches to rout.

A mixed Franco-American patrol was slipping over No Man's Land in the usual reconnaissance war undertaken each night. One alert member of the party caught the sound of an approaching enemy detachment. With a few whispered words the Americans and French divided into two sections, flopping down silently in shell holes. There they waited until the Germans were well into the ambush.

The Sammees and polius let loose. The Germans—even though they outnumbered their assailants—turned tail and ran, yelling furiously as they bobbed up and down on the pockmarked irregularities of No Man's Land. They waited long enough to pick up their dead comrade and drag along their two wounded.

The American artillery has done its work in such splendid fashion as to elicit the praise of a certain French general. Senators Kenyon and Kendrick were dinner-guests of General Pershing today, and before that inspected the "American War School."

BOY MISSING TWO WEEKS

Father of Errant Youngster Seeks News of His Whereabouts

Ellwood A. Dobbins, sixteen years old, of 493 Maunata avenue, Woodbury, N. J., has been missing from his home since November 3 and information concerning his whereabouts is being sought by his father. The boy is described as being of slight build, weight about ninety-five pounds, thin face, light hair and complexion, height five feet two or three inches. When he left home he wore dark trousers and vest with white pin stripe, dark brown mixed overcoat and black lace shoes.

QUICK NEWS

FOOTBALL SCORES

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TWO ALLEGED DRAFT DODGERS ARRESTED

Accused of attempting to evade military service in the National Army, Emperano Roman, 1805 Christian street, and John Anderson, a negro, of 1334 Fitzwater street, were arrested today and held under \$500 bail each for a further hearing November 22 by United States Commissioner Long in the Federal Building.

TOWN MEETING NET GAIN IN ONE DIVISION OF 28 VOTES

As a result of the recount of ballots ordered by the court in the nineteenth division of the Eighteenth Ward the Town Meeting party candidates made a net gain of twenty-eight votes. First a gain of twenty-one was recorded and later it was found that nine votes had been improperly counted for the Town Meeting ticket, reducing the gain to twelve. Then sixteen ballots were found which were improperly marked and were thrown out. No official statement of the results has been made, but attorneys for the Town Meeting and the Republican organization agreed that these sixteen ballots were Republican tickets.

GOVERNMENT TO BUY 100,000,000 OUNCES OF SILVER

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Completing one of the largest single transactions in the history of the silver market, the Government has contracted with the smelters for 100,000,000 ounces of silver to be delivered in 1918. Of this total 60,000,000 ounces are for the account of this country and 40,000,000 ounces for Great Britain. The deal was consummated as a result of negotiations between producers, United States Treasury officials and representatives of the British Government. As the price is expected to be fixed at near 81 per ounce the arrangement is expected to have decidedly bullish influence on quotations.

HOOVER TO HELP CURB OYSTER PROFITEERS

TRENTON, Nov. 15.—The New Jersey Board of Shellfisheries has been promised aid by Food Administrator Hoover in its effort to keep down the price of oysters to the consumer. Complaints have been received that the discrepancy in price between the shipping point and the home was so wide as to require immediate attention. Profiteers, it is declared, have been taking advantage of a desire of housewives to economize by substituting oysters for meat.

U. S. GETS \$600,000,000 ON LIBERTY LOAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Six hundred million dollars, constituting the second installment of 18 per cent on the second Liberty Loan, was paid into the United States Treasury today. The payments were being made through Federal Reserve banks and treasury branches. The \$600,000,000 will raise the net balance of cash in the Treasury to \$1,500,000,000.

CHICAGO TEAMSTERS' STRIKE AVERTED BY WAGE RAISE

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—A strike of 7000 teamsters was averted when employers met the wage increase and shorter day demand of the men. The men were granted a uniform increase of \$1.50 a week and a one-half hour reduction in their working day.

COAL SHORTAGE CLOSES PITTSBURGH STEEL PLANTS

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 15.—Several steel plants in this district have had to close temporarily during the last two weeks because of a shortage of coal. In some cases the entire works were shut down, while in others certain departments suspended operations. The Carbon Steel Company, whose entire plant was idle for ten days, resumed operations Monday. It now has enough coal on hand to insure operations for some time. Transportation and the fuel situation have caused the greatest concern on the part of industrial interests in this district.

RAID OFFICES OF CHICAGO ANTI-DRAFT LEAGUE

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—A truckload of pamphlets, files and mailing lists seized in a raid on the offices of the League of Humanity was to be presented to the Federal Grand Jury today. Included was a complete file of the Republican, said to be the official organ of the city administration. The league is said to have been active in organizing farmers to violate the draft and in attacking the British Government.

APPROVES CONTRACTS FOR FRANKFORD "L" STATIONS

Two contracts, for the construction of two passenger stations on the Frankford Elevated line, which were awarded some time ago by Director of City Transit Twining were today approved by Mayor Smith. The stations are to be erected at 4270-4272 Frankford avenue and 4238-4271 Frankford avenue. Their cost will be \$55,000. The contracts went to the Standard Construction Company. Three other passenger stations are to be erected at 4604, 4675 and 4681 Frankford avenue, at a cost of \$53,000.

CLEMENCEAU ACCEPTS OLD JOB AS PREMIER

PARIS, Nov. 15. Georges Clemenceau, the "tiger," as he is known in French politics, late today accepted the post of Premier of France and began his choice of a Cabinet to succeed the Ministry headed by Professor Painleve. Clemenceau is a former Premier. Ever since Painleve's failure to keep in power, Clemenceau has been generally picked for the job. He is one of the most energetic of all French statesmen and is generally regarded as the ideal man to take stern measures in the Bolo Pasha and other French political and domestic scandals.

TAFT URGES GREATER UNITY AMONG ALLIES

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 15.—A fire started early this afternoon in the Wilmington Northern Railway pier on the Delaware River between Wilmington and New Castle, where the Du Pont explosives warehouses are located.

DU PONT POWDER HOUSE MENACED BY PIER FIRE

The city fire apparatus is being rushed there by special train to fight the fire.

'THROUGH WITH POLITICS,' SAID DYING SENATOR

"I've Done My Bit," McNichol Told Pastor in Conversation Sunday

"NO MORE BATTLES FOR ME," HIS WORD

Funeral Will Be Held Saturday Morning in the Cathedral

MANY POLITICAL CHANGES

Leaders Speculating on How Forces Will Line Up in Future—Vares May Gain

State Senator James P. McNichol had decided to retire from politics when death overtook him yesterday.

This announcement was made today by Mr. William Kieran, rector of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, who will deliver the eulogy at the funeral services at the Cathedral Saturday. The Republican political leader expressed this intention last Sunday on his sickbed, according to Monsignor Keiran, who was an intimate friend of the late Senator.

"Only last Sunday he told me, as he lay in bed in his son's house, that he was through with politics," said the prelate in paying tribute to Senator McNichol's memory. "He made this remark when I expressed the thought to him that he should give up politics."

"I am through," he said. "There won't be any more political battles for me. I think I have done my bit."

What will be the extent of the political effect of the sudden death of State Senator James P. McNichol upon the Republican Organization in the city and State? This question was paramount today in political circles.

That a sharp realignment in Pennsylvania politics is inevitable; that United States Senator Holes Penrose has lost an ally of supreme importance, and that it will be difficult for him to find a successor of equal strength—all this was recognized as a follow to the death of Senator McNichol, one of the strong men of Pennsylvania politics in whose large personal following lay the Penrose-McNichol wing's power in Philadelphia.

Senator Penrose, who is in the city today, is expected to continue the "fight to a finish" against the Vares-Brumbaugh forces, in co-operation with the independent movement. This war, beginning with Senator Penrose's independence from the Town Meeting party, will be carried into the State election two years hence, in spite of the handicap of the loss of McNichol, his chief lieutenant, who followed him into the fray.

But will the McNichol followers transfer their allegiance to Penrose? Will the McNichol power remain after his death? Will the personal magnetism which he wielded over 75,000 or 100,000 voters in Philadelphia continue as a factor?

EXERTED GREAT INFLUENCE McNichol's influence was so great, his following was so large and the independent leaders with whom he was allied expected so much from his following in Councils that these questions arose as a natural sequence to the announcement of his death.

Governor Brumbaugh and the Legislature—Senate and House in a body—will attend the funeral, which will be held Saturday with high requiem mass at the Catholic Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, on Logan Square.

Senator McNichol's body will be placed on view at the residence of his son, William J. McNichol, 1637 Race street tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, for his many friends, and particularly for the multitudes of families living in the Tenth Ward to whom he was a constant benefactor. A heavy detail of police will mount guard at the residence at that hour and remain on duty throughout the night, to be relieved by an even larger guard of honor in the morning.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE

Arrangements were made today for the funeral services. High requiem mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the celebrant being Monsignor Francis McNichol, of New York, a cousin of the late Senator. The hour originally set was 9 o'clock, but the Rev. John F. McQuade, pastor of St. Stephen's church, will act as deacon. The Rev. John Donahue, of St. Paul, Minn., a brother of Mrs. McNichol, will act as subdeacon. The eulogy will be pronounced by Monsignor William Kieran, of St. Patrick's church, Philadelphia.

Absolution of the body will be given by Archbishop Prendergast. The mass will be sung by an augmented choir, under the direction of William Sylvan Thunder, organist of the Cathedral.

In all probability, six of Senator McNichol's sons will serve as the active pallbearers. It was announced this afternoon by Senator McNichol's private secretary, Harry A. Connor, that the six sons who will perform this last sad duty for their father will be William J. McNichol, of whose home

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; moderate temperatures; gentle westerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises, 6:41 a. m. Sun sets, 4:45 p. m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water, 1:30 p. m. Low water, 7:37 p. m. Low water, 8:35 a. m. Low water, 8:37 p. m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

Table with 24 columns representing hours of the day and 3 rows of temperature data.

'THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PENNSYLVANIAN'

The Life Story of Governor Pennypacker Will appear in daily installments beginning in Saturday's

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